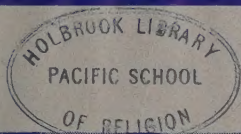


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New Citizenship Contest Announced

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Cover

Enthusiastic Christian Endeavorers of Germany numbering over 6,000 attend the annual national convention at Gunzenhausen, Bavaria, in July. Youth are shown at outdoor gathering and at closing session when more than 200 made a decision for Christ.

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary



Getting Ready for Our Birthday

It's time to get started on plans for the Big Diamond Jubilee of Christian Endeavor in your society and union. International Society has just released material which will be helpful in preparation. A packet for Christian Endeavor Week which contains a manual, radio and television scripts, banquet plans and a host of other ideas is now available. Deadline for ordering poster panels to be displayed in connection with the Diamond Jubilee is November 15. We have much to celebrate and if we want to make the anniversary of great help in advancing the work of Christian Endeavor it is important that we start planning early.

Freedoms Foundation Awards

Opportunity has been given for Christian Endeavorers to participate in the annual competition conducted by Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Endeavorers may nominate friends or themselves for awards that will be made for speeches, editorials, essays, cartoons, pictures, sermons, and other material concerning freedom and its preservation. Awards totaling \$100,000 will be given. The deadline for entries is November 11. Nomination blanks may be secured from International Society at Columbus. Dr. Daniel A. Poling was honored recently when he was presented with an award from Freedoms Foundation for his efforts in bringing about "a better understanding of the American Way of Life."

Our Congratulations

Maxine Bond, former vice-president in charge of Central Region of International Society, was married at Plains, Kansas, September 30 to Edmund V. Lamb of Ireland. The Lambs will make their home in Dublin, Ireland—Rev. Solomon Doraiswamy, field secretary for Christian Endeavor in India, and his wife are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Warren, September 7. The arrival has been named for Warren G. Hoopes, general secretary of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

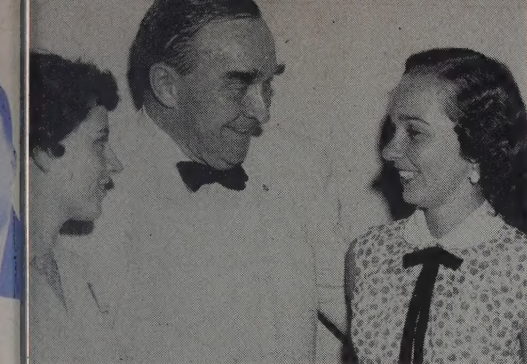
Prepares To Enter Christian Ministry

Ray Zimmerman, former president of Ontario Christian Endeavor Union and part-time field secretary for the organization, has entered Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana to prepare for the Christian ministry. Ray for a number of years has been in the contracting business. He and his wife, Arlene, and their two children are living at 1031 Himes Avenue, Huntington, Indiana.

For Your Information

Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan represented Christian Endeavor at the Tenth National Conference on Citizenship in Washington, D. C., in September—Luther R. Medley of Greensboro, North Carolina, former vice-president of International Christian Endeavor, is the president-elect of Civitan International—Two sons of Sham S. Albert, field secretary of Christian Endeavor in Pakistan, have come to the United States and are studying in North Carolina. Douglas is at Elon College and Ernest is at High Point—Rev. John Klebe is the new part-time field secretary of Washington State Christian Endeavor Union. John is also serving as youth director of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in Seattle—Dr. John D. Duff, trustee of International Society, was tendered a birthday banquet in Pittsburgh October 21. Members of the Executive Committee of the International Society and leaders of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union were among those present.

Gene Stone



aniel A. Poling speaks with Elda Ann Thornburg and Barbara Brodbeck, top winners in 1955 Citizenship Contest.

Citizenship Contest

International Society To Award Prizes Totaling \$1,000 and Two Trips to Washington in Annual Activity for Youth.

ANOTHER CITIZENSHIP CONTEST IS ON.

Youth of North America have opportunities to win honors in the 11th annual Christian Citizenship Contest which is being conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Awards totaling \$1,000 in cash and two free trips to the Citizenship Convocation in Washington, D. C., June 29-July 1, 1956, will be made to the winners, it has been announced.

The contest is being held to alert young people to their responsibilities and to challenge them to be good Christian citizens.

Details for participation in the contest have been made known by Rev. Robert C. Ross, Citizenship Director of International Society.

There will be two divisions. All youth in United States or Canada who are in high school or below on February 6, 1956 will be in Division A. Those youth who are out of high school but have not reached their 25th birthday by February 6, 1956 will be classified in Division B.

Awards will be granted on the basis of "A Letter to My Congressman" or, for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M. P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and a citizenship service record on beliefs and activities.

The first award in each division will be \$200.00 in cash plus the payment of all expenses to the Christian Citizenship Convocation in Washington, D. C.

The second award in each division will be \$100.00 in cash and the third \$50.00 in each division.

For the next six runners-up in the International finals in each division there will be prizes of \$25.00 for each.

Certificates of Recognition will be awarded the winners of the state and provincial contests.

How To Enter

Request official entry blanks from your state or provincial Christian Endeavor office or from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Notification of Participation must be sent by February 6, 1956 to the Christian Citizenship Director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

The letter and citizenship service record must be in the hands of the board of judges of the contestant's state or province no later than March 1, 1956.

Judging in the states and provinces will be completed by March 21. Winners in this part of the contest will then go to the nine regions for consideration. Highest ranking youth contestants in each division will be selected by the regional judges by April 11 after which the final selections will be made. The winners in the last stage of competition will be announced shortly after May 1.

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Convocation

WASHINGTON, D. C., will be the scene of a Citizenship Convocation to be conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor June 29-July 1, 1956.

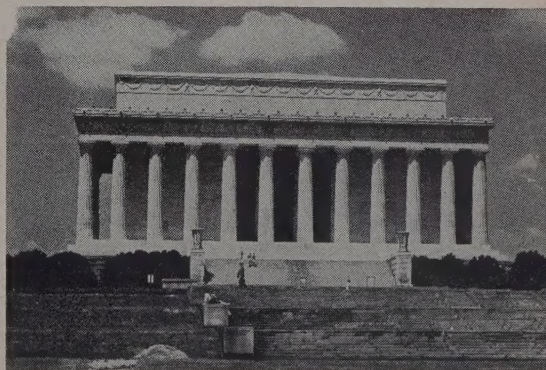
"Christ Shall Reign Through Citizenship," will be the theme for the sessions, according to Rev. Robert C. Ross, Citizenship Director.

The program will start Friday afternoon, June 29, and continue until mid-afternoon of Sunday, July 1. The Burlington Hotel will be headquarters.

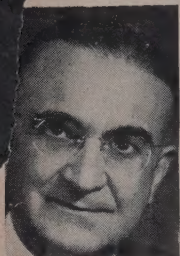
Preparations are well underway for the convocation which is designed to help focus attention of youth upon their responsibility to their community and nation and to afford them an opportunity to see the nation's Capital with its shrines of historic and spiritual significance.

Leaflets giving details of the program and costs may be secured by writing to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Lincoln Memorial, Washington



They Help Guide the Destiny of Christian Endeavor



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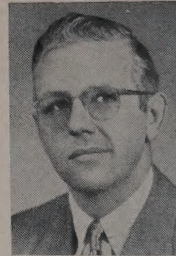
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Associate President

The associate president and five general vice-presidents, elected at the meeting of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in July, play an important role

in the program and administration of the organization in North America. These officers are members of the Executive Committee which meets three times annually

Russell S. Gowdey Dies in Airplane Crash

Russell S. Gowdey, president of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, was killed in an airplane crash Friday, October 21. The Christian Endeavor leader was on his way to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gowdey, who lived at Bloomingburg near Middletown, New York, has been active in Christian Endeavor for many years. The funeral services were held at the Reformed Church in his home town Tuesday, October 25.

Mr. Gowdey had made arrangements with his friend, Dr. Marvin O. Larsen, 38, a member of the staff of the Middletown Sanitarium, to fly him to Pittsburgh. Dr. Larsen also had in the plane with him his wife Dorothy, 36, and their two children, Marvin, Jr., 18 months, and Karen, four years. All five in the plane were killed.

The plane, which was a Beechcraft, went down at Picture Rocks near Williamsport, Pennsylvania. It was reported by several farmers that the aircraft apparently exploded. Corporal Edward S. Moore of the

State Police Aeronautical Division said he believed the four-passenger plane had "structural failures" and began to fall apart in the air.

Mr. Gowdey was a teacher in the Middletown Junior High School. For a number of years he supervised instruction in penal institutions. He has been active in the work in New York State Christian Endeavor and International Society for many years. He was elected to the Executive Committee of International Society at the convention held in Columbus in July. The meeting to which he was en route was the first regular meeting of the committee since his election to it. He is survived by a sister, Ethel, with whom he lived, and a brother, Clarence. The Larsens leave four other children, Darryl, 13; Dennis, 12; Sherryl, 11; and Penny, 9.



R. S. Gowdey

HONORED BY STATE UNION



Gaylene Benson



John Brouwer

Christian Endeavorers paid tribute to Gaylene Benson of Brainerd, in naming her "Miss Minnesota" and to John Brouwer of Edgerton, in giving him the title of "Mr. Minnesota." Both were given prizes and scholarships.

Have you ordered the Outdoor Poster Panels for your Christian Endeavor Week Celebration in your area? The deadline for orders is November 15.

WIN SPEECH CONTEST

Miss Jackie Blackwell of Elizabethton took first place in the fourth annual "You Speaks" contest of the Appalachian District Christian Endeavor Union held at Valley Forge, Tennessee. The second award went to Jack Clark of Big Springs. The subject was "What Can the Church Offer Me?"

OPERATION: LEADERSHIP

"Operation-Leadership" was launched the Texas Christian Endeavor Union at Workers' Conference held at Granite Shoals Youth Center over Labor Day Weekend. Emphasis is being placed on six phases: namely, music, recreation, presiding, public prayer, religious speaking, and personal evangelism.

Eight youths became Life-Work recruits at the Texas conference with 57 singing Comrades of the Quiet Hour and members of the Tenth Legion.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS

Christine Voss, a missionary of the Reformed Church in America from Amara, Iraq, addressed the rally of Westchester County Union October 9 at the First Methodist Church in North Tarrytown, New York. Margaret Williams, missionary superintendent, reported that Arabian Mission have been adopted as the project of the union.

Oregon Leader Weds

Richard T. Merriman, president of Oregon C.E. Union in 1954-55, was married to Dorothy Ilene Hayes in Redmond August 5.

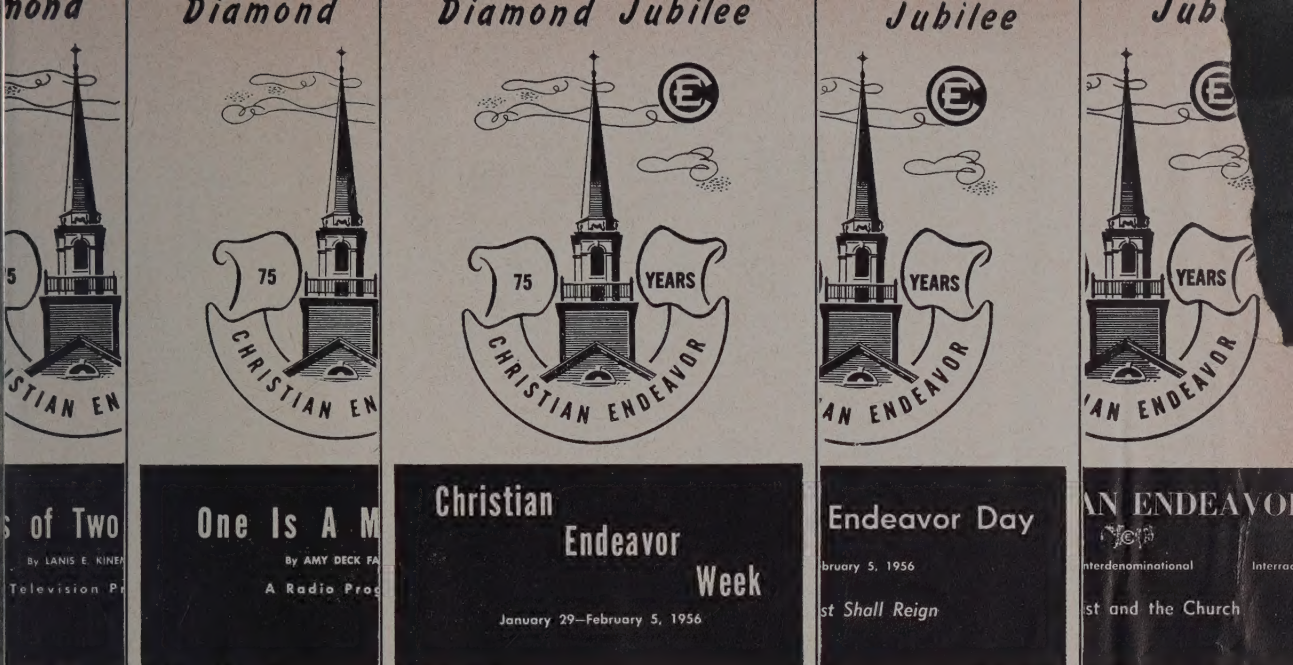
C. E. Conferences and Conventions

NOVEMBER

3-5 — Missouri, Hannibal

DECEMBER

2-5 — Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference and Program Council, Columbus, Ohio.



Concerning The Diamond Jubilee . . .

YOUTH are talking about it and already starting plans for the great celebration of the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. The climax of the observation will be Christian Endeavor Week, January 30 - February 5, 1956. A packet stuffed full of materials to help societies and unions mark the Jubilee has been published and is being distributed. This contains a manual, radio and television scripts, an anniversary drama, banquet plans and many other pieces of valuable material. Packets may be secured through state or provincial unions or from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

One of the features of the Diamond Jubilee will be the placing of Outdoor Poster Panels along the streets and highways in hundreds of areas in the United States and Canada. Orders from unions for these panels must be in the hands of the director, Harold E. Westerhoff at the International Society headquarters no later than November 15.

PUBLICATIONS (above)

—Here is an array of the covers of a number of the pieces of literature published by International Society for the promotion of the Diamond Jubilee.

PREVIEW (right) — The first new Outdoor Poster Panel which will be displayed in connection with Christian Endeavor Week, is hung in Columbus, Ohio. Photo by M. D. Ketter.





Tennessee Endeavorers Stage Conference

Youth of the Volunteer State are pictured at sessions conducted at Milligan College August 19-21. A top-flight program of conferences and workshops on all phases of Christian Endeavor work together with recreational

periods and services made the week end a most valuable one. Ellen Burchfield is president of the union with Peggie Harmon as field secretary.

CITIZENSHIP CONTEST

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 1)

Awards in the contest will be given on the basis of Christian character, service as a Christian citizen and an understanding of Christian responsibility as evidenced by:

1. An understanding of the Christian

faith and its application for present day living in community situations. This should be incorporated in "A Letter to My Congressman" or "A Letter to My M.P." This should present the author's personal study of the opportunity and responsibility a young person has in his own community for Christian Citizenship in combating the evils of Communism, the liquor traffic, narcotics, gambling, and prejudice. Emphasis also should be on Christian Citizenship in the home, in recreation and in civic responsibility. The letter will count for sixty percent of the total score in the judging.

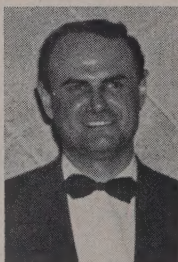
church activities. Leadership in youth work camps, conferences and conventions.

Each of the above four sub-points listed will receive equal consideration in the judging.

LEADERS FOR MEETINGS



Dr. R. W. Rash



Ralph E. May

Final preparations are being made for the annual sessions of the Program Council of the International Society and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, December 2-5. Dr. Rash of Huntington, Indiana, is chairman of the Program Council with Ralph E. May of Denver, Colorado, president of the Executives' Conference.

2. A citizenship service record which demonstrates the purpose of the individual's life and work. A further illustration of this should be seen in the following:

(a) An appreciation of and willingness to accept Christian responsibility in his home, his church, his community and his country; a concern for good government.

(b) Christian character and education. Attitude toward others and evidence of growth in leadership and range of interests. An understanding of his chosen vocation as a Christian.

(c) Community service and evidence of interest and leadership in civic affairs and duties (encouraging registration for voting, efforts to combat Communism and other evils which threaten life and security).

(d) Interest and participation in the local church, denominational and inter-

A Christmas Gift!

If you are interested in a gift that will have lasting value, here is a suggestion—*Queen of the Dark Chamber*, a book that will be loved and appreciated by your friends, young and old.

It is the autobiography of Christiana Tsai, a Chinese lady who lives in Paradise, Penna. A missionary to China for many years, writes this about the book—

"You see the Lord's working in winning one life to Himself and then using that life, even through severe suffering to win scores of others to Him."

Although Christiana has been in a darkened room over 24 years, it is one of the brightest rooms you can find anywhere, because her life radiates her love for her Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like an autographed copy, please write us at once and we will mail it to you.

The Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union
215 W. Evergreen St.,
West Grove, Pa.
Price \$2.50

The Quiet Hour

"Time Out"

In every football game there are periods of "time out." Children in school enjoy recess. Even high-powered industrial organizations allow for short intervals of rest for men and machinery. The Christian sets aside one day in seven for thoughtful pursuits and spiritual renewal. At the beginning of each day, we should devote a certain amount of time as a quiet time for God. The quiet time should consist of reading and meditating in God's Word. Further, we should be in direct communion with God through prayer.

If we are seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, we should spend time in reading the Bible as David did (Psalm 119:18). We must not only read the Bible but we must meditate upon it. Just as when we take in food it is digested, when we take in the food of God's Word, we must meditate upon it.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). God commands, inspires, hears, and answers prayer. The communion and the fellowship that we gain with God through prayer are important ways of seeking God's will for our own lives. The Bible shows us in Psalm 5:3 that we should seek God in the morning. We should give at least fifteen minutes of our time each morning reading, meditating, and praying. If we observe the Quiet Hour, our lives will become more of a blessing to others, and we will have gained greater enrichment for our own lives.

Christian Endeavor has a pledge for those who wish to join with the many others in becoming a comrade of the Quiet Hour. Will you too join in making this personal pledge — "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it the rule of my life to set apart at least fifteen minutes, for quiet meditation and direct communion with God."

— Dean Miller in *The Endeavorer* of D. C. Union



"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT CARD

FOR

Comrades Of The Quiet Hour

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it a rule of my life to set apart at least fifteen minutes every day, if possible in the early morning, for quiet meditation and direct communion with God.

Name of Member

Address Zone

City State

Society Name and Church

If you desire a list of helpful devotional books check ☐

Sign and mail to the Quiet Hour Department

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio



Bible Readings

From Thanksgiving

To Christmas

Again this year the American Bible Society is sponsoring Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

This is the twelfth year of Worldwide Bible Reading, a non-sectarian movement supported by all classes and creeds and growing in scope each year.

Suggested readings are:

NOVEMBER

24 Thanksgiving	Psalm 23:1-6
25	Psalm 46:1-11
26	Psalm 100:1-5
27 Sunday	Matthew 5:1-26
28	Matthew 5:27-48
29	Matthew 6:1-15
30	Matthew 6:16-34

DECEMBER

1	Matthew 7:1-29
2	Matthew 18:1-14
3	Matthew 18:15-35
4 Sunday	Matthew 22:1-22
5	Matthew 25:1-30
6	Matthew 25:31-46
7	Mark 12:18-44
8	Luke 7:31-50
9	Luke 14:1-14
10	Luke 14:15-35
11 Universal Bible Sunday	
.....	I Corinthians 13:1-13
12	Luke 10:25-42
13	Luke 15:1-10
14	Luke 15:11-32
15	John 3:1-17
16	John 14:1-14
17	John 14:15-31
18 Sunday	Romans 8:14-39
19	Romans 12:1-21
20	I John 4:1-21
21	Isaiah 9:2-7
22	Isaiah 11:1-9
23	Isaiah 53:1-12
24	John 1:1-18
25 Christmas	Matthew 2:1-11

Become A Member

of the Quiet Hour

Improvements for Your Church

Ideas for YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

by Bert H. Davis



NOWADAYS the home's kitchen gets a new, gleaming interior. The home's heating plant is modernized, as a means of comfort, economy and cleanliness. An old porch gives way to a terrace. Shrubs and planters are placed to improve the setting of the home. The basement, if there is one, gains in usefulness through recreational facilities and provisions for storage.

Perhaps the attic will be partly occupied by a new bedroom or sewing-room or hobby center—and dormers may be added to provide more air and light upstairs.

Paint and paper, insulation, additional cement work, a garden pool, a patio, a larger garage—all these are common in the improvement of church folks' homes.

And churches too need to keep up with the times in facilities, in architecture, in dignified rightness.

We'll suppose your church isn't one of the thousands of new buildings, which have been rising at a cost of *half a billion a year*.

Questions About the Building

Here are some questions about the older church building, relating to its conditions and its adaptability to the church program—and I'm sure that many others like them will be suggested by this list:

1. Is the sanctuary satisfying to the worshipper, by reason of: adequate pews or chairs? suitable lighting? carpet or aisle runners in good repair? decoration and/or wall finishes, kept intact and unspotted? heating and ventilation fitted to meet changes at the various seasons? well tuned organ?

2. Does the present floor plan or do arrangements include: an attractive and adequate narthex or vestibule? convenient and modern toilets and facilities for first-aid? study and storage space for the minister's sole use? proper facilities for minister's secretary and for reception of visitors and for consultations with small groups? a room or rooms fitted for leadership-training classes, with reference library? exhibit space, such as will be useful for missionary promotion and Christian education? an assembly room in which the choir meets before entering the sanctuary?

3. Are there enough attractive classrooms, suited for the age group using each, to take care of present needs and also provide for growth in the number being served? Are the rooms safe, airy, well lighted, well heated, suitably furnished?

4. Have you provided against the hazards of fire, windstorm, structural defects? Is the building frequently inspected and graded?

Young Adults—Trail-Blazers

IT is with distinct pleasure that I accept the suggestion to address a greeting to the Young Adult forces of Christian Endeavor. As I begin my official duties as President of the International Society, I am aware of the countless expressions of good will that have come from so many of you. Your promises of prayer support will be the key to success in the days ahead.

The Young Adult level of our work today is one of the most vital. You are trail-blazers in a unique way, for Christian Endeavor is so constituted that it can adapt itself to the growing need of this age group in today's Church. By our traditional pattern of Graded Christian Endeavor we are able to serve all age divisions in a simultaneous, co-ordinated program, ideally fashioned to the needs of each age level. The current theme, "Christ Shall Reign," is presented to small children, to teen-agers, and to adults in a balanced program which focuses on the abilities and requirements of each. Thus we are geared to the task of this challenging day.

There are few other effective programs for your age circle today. Christian Endeavor, with its "Do-It-Yourself" technique, is opening the way to new achievement throughout the Church.

Won't you, each one, lead the way to a more constructive program in your own church, participate more heartily in the activities of your unions, and so claim new triumphs in our enlarging service for Christ and the Church? The long-awaited day for advance is today!

EARLE W. GATES

President, International Society
of Christian Endeavor

according to the way it protects the safety users? Are such hazards as fuel supply, cleaning fluids, some forms of kitchen equipment properly controlled?

5. Do the rooms and their arrangements and equipment provide adequately for games, dramatics, audio-visual presentations, and educational demonstrations?

6. Are kitchen and dining-room in relative size, location and facilities at least fair equivalent to what we'll find in our home? Are there facilities for preparing "snack service" without utilizing the full equipment required to serve meals of several courses?

7. Are we satisfied with appearance and condition of: porches and steps or entrance trees, shrubs, vines, planters, and gardens, any? main roof and also roofs over porch and wings, and drainage provisions for these? painted surfaces? cement walkways? parking area? outdoor recreation facilities on the church grounds? sign "wayside pulpit" and bulletin-board? outside lighting of entrances and surroundings—possibly including flood lighting of entrance, or entire structure?

More Questions

HOW much has been included in the questions—and yet much has been omitted!

Nothing appears here as to facilities provided for Young Adults, women's organization, men's organization, official boards. In each of these units frame its own desires and ambitions, to be considered as parts in the whole.

Such important facilities as those used in baptism, and the musical instruments, church school equipment, and provision for a small chapel or prayer-room also deserve more attention than this brief mention indicates.

"Making things over" and "getting up date" are in the North American tradition. They belong among the concerns to be shared in a church family.

If your church is, say, a 50- to 75-year-old edifice, as many are, remember that the building when new required careful and prayerful planning, bright hopes, and generous giving of the generation that raised its walls. It is in the same spirit that we, we believe good service may be rendered, the present location, will invest in church improvements some of the same vision and courage, skill and sacrifice which went in the original construction.

While your church might work on just one project of improvements at a time, it is wise to project a long-term program. You find this helps accomplish the most necessary work first. Also, the complete picture of modernization encourages those who plan beforehand to offer voluntary service or materials or money toward a project the desire most.

Try to answer some of the questions proposed here. Work out a longer list too.

Think and pray and plan—for building or rebuilding God's House is a great cause.

DURING the past five years, a total of \$2,600,000,000 has been given for new religious structures in the United States. The total value of all church property in the nation has risen to approximately \$8,000,000,000.

New church construction during 1955 probably cost \$675,000,000. Substantial amounts are spent each year for repairs and reconstruction, but the United States Government, compiler of the above figures, isn't able to keep track of all the work done on the older church buildings.

Worth Seeing and Using

by Amy Deck Faust



Because of the special needs in audio-visuals it is wise to take time here and now to dedicate some materials of value in different phases of work. Materials and the sources from which they can be ordered prove very important. Also techniques for the use of such materials should be considered.

With respect to the techniques of projection, and projecting equipment, *The Visual Education Fellowship* of the Division of Christian Education, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago, loves to have an extensive catalogue and valuation of materials. The techniques of education by means of audio-visual tools are found in books and pamphlets issued, or listed, by this service. Individual manufacturers of equipment also have prepared special directives for the use of their equipment.

Those who are interested most in the work of broadcasting will find, that in addition to the materials of the Visual Education Fellowship, books and materials are available through the *Broadcasting and Film Commission* of the National Council of Churches, 220 Fifth Ave., New York. Denominational agencies, and other audio-visual commissions render both broadcasting and projection services, but these two agencies largely serve the denominations and other service divisions. Various youth agencies and specialized organizations have aids secured by addressing them.

Programs Available

For those who are in need of recorded radio programs, the *Broadcasting and Film Commission* has arranged for the records, *Let There Be Light*. The series for children, *All aboard for Adventure* and the music album, *Will We Sing* are also available from this same source. This is also true of some materials of the American Bible Society.

The *American Bible Society* provides a series of one minute television spots on family bible reading. These may be secured by writing them, 440 Fifth Ave., New York. The *Anti-Defamation League*, 212 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. provides a series of films for use locally, or on television, in "The Challenge series." Most of these films are about prejudice and Christian Social Relations—well worth examining!

Those who would like a 5 minute film to open and close programs, or for use in television stations, may write Mr. Glenn McMurry, 567 Helma Ave., Culver City, California. His film, "Now the Day Is Over" costs \$12.50 to own in black and white. It may be used anywhere and anytime for television or for home, school, church, or any projection use. The cost is much more in color, but still worthwhile for certain program purposes.

Those interested in radio scripts, television aides, or other broadcasting aids at a reasonable cost may write, *Church Broadcasters*, P. O. Box 186, San Anselmo, California. Dr.

Henry Adams heads up a useful service for local and regional groups.

Just as it is impossible to list all distributors, and producers, so it is impossible to list all agencies rendering special service. However, in addition to broadcasting contacts with the networks two other agencies should be noted; the *Citizens Committee for Educational Television*, Ring Bldg., Washington, D. C., and the evaluation organization for "Look Listen" known as the *American Council for Better Broadcasts*. Dr. Leslie Spence of 423 N. Pinckney Ave., Madison, Wisconsin will furnish information about how you can help to improve broadcasts by better listening and viewing. Write for information and enlist.

For Holiday Needs

As the Holiday season approaches projection material for Thanksgiving and Christmas may be needed. In case of need, note the following:

The Pilgrims, 10 min., from Encyclopedia

Britannica, 16mm film.

Puritan Family of New England, 11 min., from Coronet, 16mm film.

Christmas Through the Ages, 13 min., Encyclopedia Brit., 16mm film.

Christmas in Sweden, 14 min., *American Film Registry* (24 E. 8th St., Chicago 4, Ill.) 16mm.

The Santa Claus Suit, 11 min., Anti-Defamation League or Athena Films of 165 W. 46th St., New York, N. Y. (color)

Film strips from Church Screen, 806 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee:

How we Got our Christmas Carols,

Making Christmas Christian,

Christmas Party.

The Small One. Decca Records.

It is realized that the above list is but a minute portion of the wealth of materials to be explored. For that reason, plan early and order early. Explore many sources and know what is worth seeing and using.

WRITER OF MANUAL

Rev. Raymond E. Weiss, field secretary of Michigan C.E. Union, is the author of the manual for the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week, January 30-February 5, 1956. This manual, with many other helps, may be secured in a packet from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Objectives of "Christ Shall Reign" Program Expressed in Prayer

By Frederick L. Mintel *

Our Heavenly Father — make us aware that our first major objective, as we accept the challenge of Christian Endeavor's youth program, is that *Christ Shall Reign* victoriously in our own hearts and in every area of life — "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

Grant that as we strive to make Christ reign through the area of Evangelism, we might fully realize how vital is our own personal decision for Christ. Make our acceptance of Him as our Lord and Saviour the first essential requisite.

May we recognize if Christ is to reign in the area of Citizenship, that genuine Citizenship begins at home. May Christ reign there. May we seek to be informed on the freedoms we enjoy, and do our utmost to preserve them.

Remind us, O Lord, of the urgent need of Christian leaders for every human endeavor. Make us increasingly worthy of the vocation wherewith we have been called. Grant that we "might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Thus, Our Heavenly Father, may we activate the program emphases of this current biennium, and rededicate our all that Christ might truly reign in every vital area of life. Our trust is in Thee and our prayer is in that name which is above every name — Our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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What's in My Hymnbook?

No. 1 in a Series: "Great Spiritual Resources"
I Chronicles 25:6, 7; II Chronicles 20:21;
Ephesians 5:18-21

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
2. Study the Bible selections given.
3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today is Consecration Sunday. Special emphasis should be given to its important purpose. The Roll of Members should be called, as is our custom, and the members will respond with their own testimony or verse. Particular stress should be placed upon the Christian Endeavor Pledge, our Personal Covenant with God, in this type of meeting. Doubtless the group will wish to reaffirm it together. *On Christian Endeavor's 75th Anniversary in February every society in the land will have the opportunity of re-emphasis upon our famed Pledge, and of re-dedication to it. Let's begin to plan for it.*

For the response to the Roll Call of members, the topic today would lend itself to the use of hymns. Why not have each member, and guest, respond with a verse of a favorite hymn. It should be one that has some promise of growth, or of dedication, in its message.

Let music be the theme today. Select the hymns especially carefully. Explain the meaning of their verses, and perhaps give some of the history of their origin. Plan special musical numbers, either instrumental or vocal. Give some attention to worship as an experience, and try to fit the place of music into this experience. Try to bring attention and appreciation to the hymnal, often taken too much for granted. Bring out the idea that there is a great message in every worthy hymn. This source is one of our greatest spiritual resources. Trace the origin of some of the grand old hymns of the Church. It would be interesting to have an authority on music speak during the meeting. Among other things that could

be included in this is a description of the difference between these old "hymns of the Church," the newer Gospel Hymns, and the popular "choruses," etc. Note carefully to whom the various types are addressed, and the message they speak. You will wish to discuss the merits or demerits of each. To properly answer the question of the topic "What's In My Hymnbook," it would be an extremely helpful experience to take much of the meeting, or even an additional occasion, to carefully study the hymnals used in your own church. It will be a revealing experience to discover the value of their contents, and the material they include.

A Very Old Book

Your hymnal represents the cumulative work of many people over a very great period of time. Part of its contents have come from the early Church fathers, the extent of it being determined by the type and quality used. Most of the newer hymns or choruses echo the great messages of the older ones. Within the covers of a good hymnal we will find a summary of Christian doctrine, philosophy, and practice. This comes from the experiences and emotions of many people, under varied circumstances. Frequently the great messages of worth-while hymns come from profound experiences. Deep sorrow, fear, answered prayer, ecstatic joy, and high faith have brought about many of these circumstances. The hymnal is more than merely a mechanical aid to worship, not simply a book to guide us through the details of a church service. It is a living book of testimonies, of sermons, and of splendid aspiration. It literally breathes forth the living air of our Christian faith, if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. The antiquity of the Christian hymnology recommends itself for our use today. Truly to benefit by the experiences of the past is to exercise wisdom in the present.

Worship Is Enhanced

To worship is to project one's self into the presence of God. The experience lifts us, inspires us, and empowers us. The word worship itself is an abbreviated form of the older word "worship." The use of the hymnal, among other things, lifts us closer to the presence of our Lord. Used in the traditional church service, it helps give meaning to the other parts of the service. It gives personal expression for the worshipper as he shares in the other portions of the congregational participation. Thus he is prepared for the message of the sermon, for hymns should be chosen to coincide with that message. He is able to give corporate expression at the conclusion to a spirit of dedication or invitation. Without the blessing the hymns bring, a service might become dull and futile.

Our hymnbook, next to our Bible, is our greatest spiritual resource. Remembering that worship is the upward reach of the soul to

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To get better acquainted with our own hymnbooks.
2. To learn the purpose and value of their contents.

FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

1. What is in our hymnbooks? Have we ever explored them enough?
2. What is the purpose of hymns?
3. Do they fulfill that purpose in our church? In Sunday school? In Christian Endeavor? In me personally?
4. What are the various types of hymns, and what are their uses?
5. What do hymns mean to you, personally?
6. What is worship?
7. How is our hymnbook a spiritual resource?
8. How could it serve us better?
9. How could we better understand our hymns and hymnals?
10. In what ways are the Bible and the hymnal alike? How do they differ?

ward its Maker, we can see the truth of the elements of worship are adoration, confession, petition, praise and consecration. They are beautifully expressed in the great hymns of the Christian Church. A careful study of the hymnbook will be of extreme value to Endeavorers. Several occasions might well be set aside for such a study, delving into the origin, and the meaning of the hymns. Together with the priceless anecdotes that have surrounded their use.

A Personal Endeavor

Each Christian, young or old, must come to the place of appraisal of our precious hymnals. They must be recognized by each individual, no group commendation will suffice. Every Christian believer must consciously and purposefully set about to adapt the hymns to his own use and help. A personal and prayerful study is essential. Dr. Henry Hallam Tweed has said, "Like any art, there is a technique, a method and an understanding and a spirit in worship; and it is the failure to study and to practice this which makes a church service to many to seem so dull. To enter into the wonderland of music, one must learn to know and to appreciate and to submit oneself to the power of melody; otherwise a man may attend a performance of 'Parsifal,' that great music drama of redemption, and report as one author did, that it was 'five hours of noise without tune.' The lack was not in the opera but in the hearer. The same thing is true of a service of worship. All too often, it must be confessed, the trouble is not only with the worshipper, but with the church and the service and those who conduct it. 'Parsifal' has produced and sung would deserve the honest auditor's description. *But usually the church attendant has failed to prepare himself to enter into what must always be a co-operative understanding. His part is to bring a mind and heart which have followed a program of appreciation of the highest values, gratitude of seeking forgiveness, good will.*

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A SEED THOUGHT

"The words, not the melody are the important part of a hymn."

From God's Book

- M., Nov. 28. A Song of Praise. Psalm 150
T., Nov. 29. The Shepherd's Psalm. Psalm 23.
W., Nov. 30. A Song of Trust. Psalm 27.
T., Dec. 1. In The Days of Thy Youth. Eccles. 12:1-7.
F., Dec. 2. My Redeemer Liveth. Job 19:25.
S., Dec. 3. Seeking God. Isaiah 55:6, 7.
Sun., Dec. 4. Topic—What's in My Hymnbook? I Chronicles 25:6, 7; II Chron. 20:21; Eph. 5:18-21.

Our Aims

1. To sense what prayer is.
2. To show in what way and by what means prayer really changes me.
3. To discover the fruits of prayer: love, joy, peace, patience, and gentleness.

Questions

1. What are the various types of prayers one can offer?
2. In what spirit or attitude ought our prayers be offered?
3. What are some of the things we ought to pray for in these times?
4. What are we to do when our prayers seem to go unanswered?
5. How has prayer been a factor in the present world struggle?
6. What does prayer include for the man who prays?
7. Should every prayer include the petition, "Thy will be done"?
8. What are some of the difficulties we face in our prayer life?
9. The Quakers speak of "centering down in the spirit." What do they mean by this?
10. Suggest times in your life when you have been moved to answer your own prayers.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb Create a Worship Center

The worship service this evening should be based upon the general theme of prayer. Throughout the service make use of the great prayer hymns of the Church and any religious poetry that concerns prayer. For a worship center use any one of the following pictures: Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane," Durer's "Praying Hands," or Quel's "Three Men at Prayer." Illuminate the picture with candles and then during some part of the worship service turn out the electric lights and have some person read an interpretation of the picture. Such an interpretation can be found in Pearl Maus' book, "Christ and the Fine Arts."

As an added feature on the program have some person outline briefly Jesus' teaching concerning prayer using such great passages of scripture as, Matthew 6:5-13; Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:5; Luke 18:3-5; Matthew 11:25; Mark 14:38. Or have some person analyze the various petitions of the Lord's Prayer, showing how this prayer is the basis upon which our daily prayer life should be built. Any Bible commentary will afford one with the necessary thoughts for such an analysis.

It would be interesting also to have some dult who is well advanced in the Christian experience to relate to the group the importance and place of prayer in his or her life. Or you might have some person discuss one of several of the great prayers found in the Bible, such as: Abraham's prayer, Genesis 18:3-33; Moses' prayer, Exodus 32:30-33; Daniel's prayer, Daniel 9; Christ's prayer, John 17.

Worship Service Outline

Prrelude.

Call to Worship: "He that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Scripture: Matt. 9:27-29; 18:19, 20.

Prayer Changes Me

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Isaiah 55:6-11 Matthew 6:5-14

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Picture interpretation or poetry.

Prayer.

Hymn: "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Great Prayers of the Bible or Christ's Teaching about Prayer.

Announcements and offering.

Presentation of topic.

Discussion.

Hymn: "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire."

Benediction.

What is Prayer?

Someone says, "Prayer is asking God for what we want." Another says, "Prayer is talking to God." Still another, "Prayer is consecrated thinking."

Every thinking person should have an answer to "What is prayer?"

Is there more to prayer than talking? Is all thinking a form of prayer?

One can go out of doors at night and see the stars or the northern lights. Sometimes there is in view a waterfall or a lake calm in the moonlight or the waves rolling in on the beach. Perhaps one can look up at the mountains or, from the mountains, look down across the plains. Wherever we are, we can think, "This is God's wonderful world. How great God must be to make such a world!" Our soul can reach out to Him.

Can this experience of recognizing God and His work be called prayer? "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire."

"Prayer is giving God opportunity," says Kirby Page. "It is opening the door to God." It gives God opportunity to transform low desire into high desire, and weak desire into fervent desire. God never misses an opportunity.

When desire is high and fervent, God is able to do much; but when desire is weak, God can do little. Joyously each day give God His opportunity in your life.

Make Prayer Vital

St. Augustine prayed: "When I seek thee, my God, I seek a blessed life." To seek God's will for one's personal life as well as for the social order is to seek a good life. Through prayer we seek the guidance of God. But, like Jesus' disciples, we need to be taught how to pray.

Jesus had the prayer habit, and in that lies the secret for His life.

Through fellowship with God, He learned to understand men's problems, how to help to solve them, how to keep going when the way was lonely and difficult, and how to die upon a cross rather than forsake the principles upon which His life was based.

Through prayer and trust, He learned the secret of strength. As we yield our lives to God through Jesus Christ, prayer becomes a vital force in our lives.

A Youth's Testimony

"Through high school days I felt Christ was my constant companion, even when no one else was near, because I had met Him at

the beginning of the day in secret prayer. Studies and final exams, even graduation from high school became a concern of God because through prayer I had talked to Him about them.

"Prayer has been the force in my life that has moved me to go on when it seemed useless, because through this prayer (or communion with God) I knew His will was that I should go on.

"Prayer has taken me beyond the things that distracted and marred my thoughts to a place where God could reveal His will to me.

"Prayer has helped me to be adventuresome. As I have talked to God about the different missions and missionaries they have become a real concern to me. Through prayer I have felt the touch of Christ's healing in my body.

"I would like to recommend especially that you pray first the prayer of repentance and complete consecration. Then you will be able to pray the prayer of faith that will remove mountains in this time of chaos."

Poem

PRAYER

By Lowell E. Miller

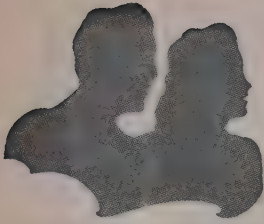
I bow my head
To offer up a prayer
Of thankfulness.
But Lord, how can I pray
When words are not enough to show
The thankfulness
That deep within my heart I feel?
How can I phrase in words
My thankfulness
For each new, glorious day;
For home and friends
And this free land in which I live;
For life itself? Can words express
My thankfulness
For health and strength?
For everything which has been
Given me so boundlessly.
What can I say? How can I pray?
Tonight, dear Lord, I only pray
That I might make my life
A LIVING PRAYER
Of thankfulness.

Permission Builders

What would your testimony regarding personal experiences in prayer be? When have you felt God definitely close to you in prayer? Do you feel that you are growing in prayer life and habits?

Scripture Readings

- M., Nov. 28. Encouraged To Pray. I Tim. 2:1-3.
T., Nov. 29. Prayer In Worship. Psalm 95:1-7a.
W., Nov. 30. Prayer Exhorted. I Thess. 5:16-18
T., Dec. 1. A Prayer of Jesus. John 17:1-26
F., Dec. 2. Praying Together. Matt. 18:19, 20.
S., Dec. 3. Praying In God's Will. Luke 22:39-46.
Sun., Dec. 4. Topic—Prayer Changes Me. Isaiah 55:6-11; Matt. 6:5-14.



Making The Bible My Book

No. 2 in a Series: "Great Spiritual Resources"

Romans 15:4; Psalm 119:89-104

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

An interesting unit of topics ends today with the subject *Making The Bible My Book*. The theme has been *Great Spiritual Resources*. Last week we beheld some of the spiritual power contained in our hymnals. This topic leads us to a consideration of the Bible as a personal possession, a personal source of inspiration and power. Too often this is not recognized and it is the privilege of the leader today to point out these truths. Let the Bibles themselves be freely used and studied.

The emphasis today should be upon the personal use of the Scriptures, showing their value to the individual. Answer the question "How is it my greatest spiritual resource?"

The pastor or some good Bible teacher should be present for counselling and supplementary help. Let the use of the Bible Concordance, Bible Dictionary, and other reference books be explained. The leader may well explain, or have explained, the place of the Word of God in the regular services of public worship. Alongside this should be placed its use in private, daily worship. The Quiet Hour is one's own daily devotional period. The pledge for "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" might well be presented in this meeting. (Write the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for further information and material.) Throughout the meeting try to help the members in the task of *Making The Bible My Book*.

A Very Old Book

Countless generations of people have "made the Bible their Book." The early Hebrew people used their Scriptures according to the light God gave them. Today this portion of the Bible we call the Old Testament. It truly comes to us out of antiquity and has been a

A SEED THOUGHT

Sir Walter Scott on his death-bed said, "Bring me the Book." When asked what book, he replied, "There is but One Book, the Bible."

blessing to the people of God from its first writing to the present day. While our faith is largely based upon the New Testament, and quickened by it, we should know the Old better. It contains the wisdom of God, divine law, and matchless inspirational writings. Its great age recommends it for our use today; experience has proven its value to all who have trusted it.

There are ancient thought-forms expressed in the Bible, but these are as up-to-date as tomorrow morning. God's Word is always new, and ahead of us. The pages of Holy Writ contain the things that God wants mankind to know, in exactly the form in which He wants us to know them. To the end of time this Book will remain the one and only answer to humanity's quest for God; it will be the key to God's quest for man.

If we accept the Bible as the divine and complete Word of God, as well we may, we will find this Library most unique. We will find there is a unity of thought that gives definite proof that One Mind inspired the writing and compilation of the whole. It will be seen that it bears on its face the stamp of the Author; that it is, in a most distinctive sense the Way of God reduced to writing. Verily it is a sign of wisdom when we can say "Thy Word have I hid in my heart—" (Psalm 119: 11.)

Worship Is Enhanced

In the unsearchable riches of the New Testament we find the life abundant. Surely in this "we live and move and have our being." These last twenty-seven books of God's great Library bring to us the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the Gospels we find the chronology of His life and ministry, with the salient points of His teaching. Here we find the work of the Holy Spirit revealed and glorified. From these books come matchless teaching of Christian conduct and ethics, while the Church also receives its instructions. Throughout the New Testament, as well as the Old, the prevailing message is of the love of God, the power and justice of God, and the final victory of God. A seminary professor once said that the true abbreviated meaning of the Book of Revelation is "Jesus Christ will win!" What depth of meaning that has for us today, particularly when evil forces so often seem to overcome the good.

Assuredly, worship is enhanced, indeed is first made possible, by this Book of Books. By it we know God, hear His voice, find His power. Through it we meet His Son Who is our Lord. By the grace herein revealed we find peace. Eternal life itself is the supreme reward. In terms of a modern book, "all this and Heaven too."

In our corporate worship together in the Church service, the Bible is at the heart of the

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To get better acquainted with our Bible.
2. To learn the purpose and value of its contents.

FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

1. Name our greatest spiritual resources.
2. Which is the most helpful?
3. What do we mean "making the Bible my Book"?
4. How can we truly make it our own?
5. How is the Bible a spiritual resource?
6. How can we make it serve us better?
7. What is likeness between our Bibles and our hymnbooks?
8. What are the Comrades of the Quiet Hour?
9. How long has it been since we had the Quiet Hour pledge presented? Why?
10. How is the Christian Endeavor Pledge a spiritual resource?

service. Some of the greatest churches still have the pulpit-centered chancel, asserting the central place of the Word of God. Without the Scriptures our group worship would be hollow indeed. "The blind leading the blind" would best characterize our feeble efforts.

In our private worship the Bible has unique place. Nothing can take its place. We provide for our private worship by our daily Quiet Hour period, by Family Devotions, or by some other time of prayer and meditation. The irreducible minimum for such a period of worship is prayer and the reading of the Bible. To this can be added much if desired. These two acts, plus quiet meditation, provide a full worship experience. When we pray we are talking to God; when we read the Bible God is talking to us. How we need this two-way communication!

A Personal Endeavor

The "Word of the living and unchanging God" has been preserved for us for our daily use and blessing. Immanuel Kant said, "The existence of the Bible as a book for the people is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced." Yet each one of us must prove this for himself! Each one must read it. No other person's testimony can be great a blessing as your own after you've made the Book a part of your own personal life.

Bertha Gerneaux Wood prayed:

"Open my eyes, dear Lord, that I may see
Each message that Thy Word would speak
to me,

Lest, reading lightly, heedlessly, I miss
Some shining truth from Thee! I beg for
this

Oh, Blessed Holy Spirit, linger near!"

Bible Portions

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| M., Dec. | 5. | Search The Scriptures. | John 6:33 |
| T., Dec. | 6. | The Bible From God. | II Tim. 3:16 |
| W., Dec. | 7. | A Wonderful Law. | Psalm 1:1 |
| T., Dec. | 8. | Values In God's Word. | Psalm 19:7 |
| F., Dec. | 9. | Treasuring God's Word. | Psalm 119:11, 16 |
| S., Dec. | 10. | Doers Of The Word. | James 1:22-24 |
| Sun., Dec. | 11. | Topic—Making The Bible My Book. | Romans 15:4; Ps. 119:89-104 |

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Our Goals

1. To open up the resources of the Bible.
2. To discover Bible messages for today's youth.
3. To induce determination to read the Bible daily.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Give Us Something Practical"

Today's Christian youth want a practical religion. They simply are not interested in faith that is "over their heads," or that is quickly coated with dreamy theories. They want a real, positive belief that will help them achieve something noble out of character. We can readily appreciate that this desire is a worthy one, for certainly, this is not the hour when Christians to be eager for fanciful, vision-religious excursions.

Where can the youth of this generation look for help? Where can they take hold of something secure? The answer comes from God's Word where it is written: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

If therefore, we are confronted with something that gives us concern, or impresses us as being strikingly strange, it is well to turn to the God-inspired book and search. The spirit of God will lead us into all truth.

A young lady comes to her pastor and states, "All my companions smoke, drink, and dance. Is it really wrong for me to do so?" If Jesus were again living among men would He smoke? Would He become guilty of intoxication? Would He devote a portion of His time to dancing? We open His Word and read, and we therefore perfect even as I am perfect."

The Bible Is the Best Book for Me

1. *It tells me of the Higher Life.*

The Bible teaches us to be mountain climbers. In the actual task of mountain climbing the best climber goes first. The rope that circles his waist extends downward and is securely fastened around the man who is directly below him. If the lower man slips, he is supported by the one who is above him. Thus he is aided while he learns to climb by easy stages. The higher the two go together, the more they see. Just so the Bible asserts that we can be linked to God. He will support us as we learn to surmount obstacles and climb to the high places of life where one is privileged to view new meanings and abiding truths.

2. *It tells me of the Higher Love.*

There is a legend of an ugly prince who once ruled a small island kingdom. His ugliness was caused by the cruelty and selfishness of his character, which made people afraid of him. Humiliated at the refusal of a lovely reigning princess to wed him because of his ugliness that coarsened his features, he fled

The Best Book for Me

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I Timothy 2:14-19; 3:14-17



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into the forest where he met an old woman who was clever at making masks. She made a mask for him that covered his cruel features with beauty and kindness. His people, not knowing that he wore a mask, were overjoyed at the change. They loved him and served him well for his goodness to them. But one day, an enemy king, before a great throng, tore the mask from his face. Overcome with shame, the prince rushed to his rooms, looked in his mirror, and lo, his own features had grown to look like those of the mask. The beauty of his changed character had remolded his face.

Persons who are really noble and beautiful in this world are those humble souls whose lives radiate a kindness and a love for all. Again, it is the Bible that pictures for us how, in a practical way, all this can become part of our personalities.

3. *It tells me of the Higher Loyalty.*

Lynn Harold Hough said, "The tragedy of the world is that men have given first class loyalty to second class causes and these causes have betrayed them." In the light of all this, we need to sense that the Bible points out constantly that man's highest loyalty must be extended to God, our Heavenly Father and constant sustainer in all things.

Jesus Read the Scriptures

We read that "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." One reason for His increase in God's favor certainly was due to His reading the Scriptures. He had only what we call the Old Testament, but He knew it from much reading. He could go into a strange synagogue and find the place where some particular portion was recorded and could give not only the accepted meaning of the passage, but could make it live with new and added meaning. He often referred to Moses or one of the prophets. He knew the Scriptures because He read them often.

Musicians spend many hours in practice even while giving recitals every night. They say they have to in order to "grow." Athletes go through regular and difficult drill in order to be able to "grow." Why should we Christians expect to have an easier time of attaining Christian maturity?

Do I Give the Bible a Chance to Speak?

Youth in America have the most priceless book in the world right at our disposal at any time. Yet we do not use it. We are ignorant of the Scriptures. The greatest barrier to the progress of Christianity is the inadequate use of the Scriptures by Christians today. Dr. Francis Stifter of the American Bible Society says: "There is little active atheism in America today. It is the indifference of Americans to the Bible which will bring ruin to our nation and people. . . ."

Honestly now, ask yourself: Do I give the Bible a chance? Do I take time to hear God's message for me? Do I read the most worth-

while Book in the world sufficiently to let its great truths enrich my life? This topic is designed to make you want to answer these questions as they ought to be answered.

In your daily devotions read until you come to a verse that you feel is God's "marching orders" for you for the day. Do not be afraid to mark your Bible. Underline that verse, and let it search every area of your life. God's Spirit will bring its truth to bear upon your heart and mind. Carry that verse with you through the day. It will be as a staff on your journey. In many a trying hour it will steady and inspire you.

Questions

I. The Bible and Youth

1. Name some outstanding youth mentioned in the Bible.
2. Are there young people today whose lives would merit mention if the Bible were being written now?
3. What things in the Bible appeal especially to youth?
4. What is the unique contribution of the Bible to youth?

II. The Bible and Its Background

1. When was the Bible written? (a) The Old Testament? (b) The New Testament?
2. What do we mean when we say the "Bible is inspired by God"?
3. Is the Bible now a complete book, never again to be added to?
4. Are beliefs and creeds of equal value to the Bible?

III. The Bible and the World

1. List some of the "popular" social practices which are out of harmony with Bible standards. Why do you list them?
2. What would happen if we took the Bible seriously in regard to (a) war; (b) crime; (c) worldly pleasures; (d) boy and girl relationships.
3. What does the Kingdom of God as mentioned in the Bible mean?

IV. The Bible and Others

1. Why do youth neglect reading the Bible today?
2. How can we get other young people to read the Bible?
3. Name some good plans for studying the Bible advantageously.

V. The Bible and You

1. It has been said that a Christian's life is the only Bible many men will ever read. How is your life a Bible for those with whom you live?
2. A recent book is entitled "Write Your Own Ten Commandments." If we followed this advice could we better the commandments given by God to Moses?
3. What do you propose to do in your own periods of devotion as the result of this study and its concentration on the Bible?

From The Book of Books

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| Dec. 5. | The Bible Teaches Obedience. | Eph 6:1-3. |
| Dec. 6. | Admonishes Us To Follow God. | Eph 5:1, 2. |
| Dec. 7. | God's Word Is Powerful. | Hebrews 4:12. |
| Dec. 8. | Keeping The Word. | I John 2:5. |
| Dec. 9. | Words Of Eternal Life. | John 5:39. |
| Dec. 10. | "Preach The Word." | II Tim. 4:2. |
| un., Dec. 11. | Topic—The Best Book for Me. | I Tim. 2:14-19; 3:14-17. |



Translate Christmas into Service

No. 1 in a Series: "Because Christ Came"

Insert B-I-S: Gospels 44 5

Senior-Young People 16-24 YEARS

— DECEMBER 18 —

Comment by Edna W. Galt

Prayers For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make special prayer for its success in these words:

Lord, we thank Thee for this meeting and for the presence of Thy Spirit here. We ask that Thy blessing be upon all who are here, and that Thy love and grace be poured out upon all hearts.

Place a brief Leaders' Talk in these words at the beginning of the meeting:

This season is one of great significance for us. It is the season of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the season of the birth of the Church. It is the season of the birth of the world. It is the season of the birth of the new life. It is the season of the birth of the new hope. It is the season of the birth of the new love. It is the season of the birth of the new faith. It is the season of the birth of the new life.

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Why Observe Christmas?

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Daily Readings

Matthew 2:1-12
Luke 2:1-20
John 1:1-18
Acts 1:1-17
Romans 1:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:1-17
2 Corinthians 1:1-17
Galatians 1:1-17
Ephesians 1:1-17
Philippians 1:1-17
Colossians 1:1-17
1 Thessalonians 1:1-17
2 Thessalonians 1:1-17
1 Peter 1:1-17
2 Peter 1:1-17
1 John 1:1-17
2 John 1:1-17
3 John 1:1-17
Revelation 1:1-17

which in the midnight of a night. Birth is to introduce and deliver us from sin. It is this that makes the birth of Christ so important.

Let us think back to the birth of Christ as well as the birth of the Church. The birth of Christ is a birth of the new life. It is the birth of the new hope. It is the birth of the new love. It is the birth of the new faith. It is the birth of the new life.

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- 1 To help preserve young hearts and minds for Christmas
- 2 To encourage the proper Christian observance of it
- 3 To decide on some special projects to help others

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- 1 In what ways do you observe Christmas? List them.
- 2 Of these ways, which are the "spiritual" or "worldly"? Which is your preference?
- 3 Which do you cherish most as your personal Christmas observance?
- 4 How would you prefer to observe this observance?
- 5 Which do you do to help others during the Christmas season?
- 6 Discuss the meanings of these great symbols. Add others that mean to you.
- 7 "Because Christ Came" what a service does it work it in?
- 8 What kind of world would it be if we had not come?
- 9 How can we translate Christmas into service as a society? As individuals?
- 10 What light of Christmas can give this year in the home?

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Where Society Service Projects Are Meaningful

There are many ways in which we can observe Christmas. It is the season of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the season of the birth of the Church. It is the season of the birth of the world. It is the season of the birth of the new life. It is the season of the birth of the new hope. It is the season of the birth of the new love. It is the season of the birth of the new faith. It is the season of the birth of the new life.

The people of the world are observing Christmas in many ways. It is the season of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the season of the birth of the Church. It is the season of the birth of the world. It is the season of the birth of the new life. It is the season of the birth of the new hope. It is the season of the birth of the new love. It is the season of the birth of the new faith. It is the season of the birth of the new life.

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A SEED THOUGHT

"I have always thought of Christmas time—due to the sacred name and ought to be good time a good long-remembered pleasant time."

—Charles Dickens

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Algeria	1990	11.0	5.0	45.5
Algeria	1995	11.5	5.5	47.8
Algeria	2000	12.0	6.0	50.0
Algeria	2005	12.5	6.5	52.0
Algeria	2010	13.0	7.0	53.8
Algeria	2015	13.5	7.5	55.6
Algeria	2020	14.0	8.0	57.1
Algeria	2025	14.5	8.5	58.6
Algeria	2030	15.0	9.0	60.0
Algeria	2035	15.5	9.5	61.3
Algeria	2040	16.0	10.0	62.5
Algeria	2045	16.5	10.5	63.6
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Algeria	2055	17.5	11.5	65.7
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Algeria	2065	18.5	12.5	67.6
Algeria	2070	19.0	13.0	68.4
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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be changed.

2. The second step is to set goals. These should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound.

3. The third step is to develop a plan. This involves identifying the resources needed and the steps to be taken.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves putting the plan into action and monitoring progress.

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This involves comparing the actual results with the goals and making adjustments as needed.

Author	Year	Country	Sample Size	Study Design	Findings
Wong et al.	2001	China	1,000	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Li et al.	2002	China	2,000	Cohort	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Wang et al.	2003	China	1,500	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Zhang et al.	2004	China	1,200	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Chen et al.	2005	China	1,800	Cohort	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Wu et al.	2006	China	1,600	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Yang et al.	2007	China	1,400	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Xu et al.	2008	China	1,700	Cohort	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Lin et al.	2009	China	1,300	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Chen et al.	2010	China	1,900	Cohort	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
Wang et al.	2011	China	1,100	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
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Lin et al.	2017	China	1,300	Case-control	Increased risk of lung cancer in heavy smokers.
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2. The second step is to analyze the problem. This involves breaking down the problem into smaller, more manageable parts.

3. The third step is to develop a plan. This involves determining the steps that need to be taken to solve the problem.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves putting the plan into action.

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This involves determining whether the plan was successful in solving the problem.

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Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup. The subject is seated in a chair, viewing a screen displaying a target. The target is a small object (e.g., a ball) that is launched from a fixed position. The subject's hand is positioned at the launch point, and the distance from the hand to the target is the launch distance. The target is launched at an angle, and the subject's hand is positioned at the launch point. The distance from the hand to the target is the launch distance. The target is launched at an angle, and the subject's hand is positioned at the launch point. The distance from the hand to the target is the launch distance.

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Everywhere Christmas Today

No. 2 in a Series: "Because Christ Came"

Luke 2:1-19

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— DECEMBER 25 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This is the closing topic in a Christmas series. Last week we discussed and emphasized the true meaning of Christmas compared with the "worldly" meaning we have chosen to give it. Today being Christmas we shall consider the fact that in these twenty-four hours, people all over the world are observing or "celebrating" Christmas.

In order to have a worthwhile attendance at this meeting it will be necessary to have much advance preparation and promotion. Last week's meeting can be used to good advantage for promoting this week's. (Read it over.) If Christ's coming has been meaningful to the society members they should be willing to sacrifice part of the "celebration" at home for a Christ-centered inspiring meeting at Church. Publicize the meeting as being inspirational and plan it so. Do away with the usual glitter of decorations around the room, and create a more religious atmosphere. If there is opportunity to explain the meaning of our Christmas symbols and decorations, it might be well to use them, although "different" surroundings than they've recently been seen in would be better. Remember that the evergreen tree symbolizes everlasting life; the candle, the Light of the World; the star, the Star of Bethlehem: etc.

If He Had Not Come

An arresting story used several years ago in one of our Christian Endeavor publications is most appropriate for our thinking today. It is entitled "If I Had Not Come" and gives us much food for thought.

"It was Christmas Eve and after Bobby had carefully hung up his stocking by the fireplace, he went off to bed. Usually Bobby did not like to go to bed early but tonight he was eager to get to sleep so as to be sure to wake up early to see his gifts.

"For their daily Bible lesson that day Bobby and his father had read Jesus' own words to

His friends, found in John 15: 22. Five words had stayed in Bobby's mind. He kept saying them over and over until he fell asleep. These were the words: 'If I had not come.'

"It seemed as if he had not been asleep any time when a cross, harsh voice said, 'Get up! Get up! I tell you.'

"Thinking about the skates he wanted and the flashlight, the motor, and the books for which he'd been wishing, Bobby got up and hurried into his clothes and went downstairs. But all was still. No one was there to greet him; no stockings were hung beside the fireplace; no wreaths were in the windows; no splendid tree was there.

"Hurrying to the door, Bobby looked down the street. The factory was open. He could hear the rumble of the machinery. He grabbed his cap and sweater and raced down the street to the factory door and there stood a grim-looking foreman.

"Why is the factory running on Christmas?" asked Bobby. 'Christmas?' asked the man, 'What do you mean? I never heard that word. This is one of our busy days, so clear out.'

"Filled with wonder Bobby hurried on down the street toward the stores, and to his amazement, he found them all open. The grocer, the dry-goods man, the baker—each one was busy and cross, and each said in reply to Bobby's question, 'Christmas? What's Christmas?'

"When Bobby tried to explain, 'It's Jesus' birthday, and the first part of the word means Jesus,' he was gruffly ordered to move along, as this was a 'very busy day.'

"Going around the corner, he thought, 'I'll go to church, our own church, for there's to be a Christmas service, there.' And at once Bobby stopped short before a big vacant field, and he mumbled to himself, 'I guess I'm lost. I was certain our church was here. I know it was.' Then he noticed a big sign board in the center of the vacant lot, on which were the words, 'If I had not come.' Suddenly the meaning of it dawned on the puzzled boy.

"He was wandering along in the gloomy way when he thought of the box of toys and games his class had sent to the orphans' home, and he said half aloud, 'I guess I'll go up to the home and see the children get their presents.' But when Bobby reached the place, instead of seeing the name of the home over the gateway, he read those same five words, 'If I had not come.' Behind the archway there was no fine building.

"Seeing an old man, feeble and ill, by the roadside, Bobby said, 'I guess you're sick, mister, I'll run to the hospital and tell them to send an ambulance for you.' But when he reached the grounds there was no hospital,

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To appreciate the victory Christmas.

2. To take a look at what the world would be like without Christ's coming.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. From what need did Jesus come? What origin?

2. For what purpose did He come?

3. Was His purpose fulfilled? Explain.

4. Why do we observe Christmas?

5. Do we observe Christmas the way Christ wants us to? How do we differ?

6. What could the church do to make Christmas more like it should be?

7. Would the world be any different today than it is if Christ had not come? (Name ways other than those in the story, also.)

8. How would Easter be affected if Christ had not come? How would our promise of Eternal Life?

9. Christ did come, but what did He bring to YOU?

10. Is your life different because He came, and because today you are "remembering"?

nothing but signs bearing the words 'If I had not come.' As Bobby hurried back to the corner where the Rescue Mission had been, he said, 'I'm sure they'll take the poor old man in here, anyway.' But men with angry faces were gambling and swearing, and over the door Bobby saw, instead of the name of the mission, the words, 'If I had not come.'

"Still thinking about the poor old man Bobby hurried home to ask his father's mother to help him. On his way across the living room, he stopped to look up in the Bible those words; 'If I had not come.' Turning past all the pages of the Old Testament he found that there was no New Testament after Malachi all the pages were blank, as he held them up to the light, he could see a faint outline of the words 'If I had not come.'

"With a sigh Bobby said, 'Oh, what a terrible world this is! No Christmas, no churches, no homes for orphans, no hospitals, no rescue missions, no New Testament! No jails and gambling places, and no patrols, and sickness, and —'

"Just then there was a sound of bells. Chimes were playing, Bobby listened and found it was his favorite hymn, 'Joy To The World.' And he heard his mother's cheerful voice saying, 'Merry Christmas, Bobby!'

"With a joyous bound Bobby was out of bed. Kneeling down, he said, 'O Lord Jesus thank you that you did come; and I'll show you how thankful I am by always trying to be the kind of boy I know you want me to be.'

Scripture Readings

M., Dec. 19. Joy To The World. John 1:1

T., Dec. 20. The World's Saviour. Phil. 2:5-8

W., Dec. 21. Good Tidings to all People. Luke 2:10

T., Dec. 22. Christ's Mission Fulfilled. Isaiah 61:1

F., Dec. 23. Peace and Goodwill to All. Luke 2:14

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Sun., Dec. 25. Topic—Everywhere Christmas Today. Luke 2:1-19

(Christmas)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

A SEED THOUGHT

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."—Charles Dickens

Our Aims

1. To inject spiritual values into Christmas Day.
2. To consider the real meaning of Christmas.
3. To see how "God was in Christ."

Questions

1. Did God know that Jesus would be rejected by the Jews? Why did He send Him among these people then?
2. Do you suppose God would have been wiser if He would have sent Jesus among His people a century earlier or later?
3. Why was the "time ripe" when Jesus was born in Bethlehem?
4. Does God have a plan for each individual life? If so, how can we know God's plan for our lives?
5. Should a person who is interested in church work necessarily become a full-time minister or missionary?
6. How does a person know when he is called into the ministry or into the mission field?
7. Would Christ have succeeded in His ministry if He had not come "in the fullness of time"?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Make the Service Beautiful

This meeting on Christmas day should express all the beauty of Christmas in song, story and picture. You may start the meeting earlier than usual to allow plenty of time for carol singing.

The room should have a worship center at the front. On the table should be a picture of the Nativity. Later, five candles will be brought in and arranged on the table. The candle on the extreme left will be Position No. 1. The candle second from the left will be Position No. 2. The third candle, which will be in the center directly in front of the picture, will be Position No. 3. The fourth candle from the left will be Position No. 4. The candle fifth from the left will be Position No. 5.

How to Proceed

Instrumental Prelude: "Joy to the World!"

Call to Worship:

Leader: Christians, lo, the star appeareth:
Lo, 'tis yet Messiah's day;
Still with tribute treasure laden,
Come the Wise Men on their way.

1: Where a life is spent in service
Walking where the Master trod,
There is scattered myrrh most fragrant
For the blessed Christ of God.
When we soothe earth's weary children,
Tending best the least of them,
'Tis the Lord himself we worship,
Bringing gold to Bethlehem.

The Scripture: Luke 2:1-14.

Prayer: (Several asked in advance.)

Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Candlelight Service: (Five candle holders placed at an equal distance apart on a table, with one large candle burning, which

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Luke 2:1-20



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represents the spirit of Jesus. Each of the five speakers, dressed in white robes, in turn lights his candle from the large one and places it in the holder.)

Five-Pointed Star of Love and Service

First Speaker: I light my candle of *Love to Man* by the light of Christ. May we keep the flame brightly shining within our hearts.

"Whoso bears his brother's burden,
Whoso shares another's woe,
Brings his frankincense to Jesus
With the men of long ago."

Second Speaker: I light my candle of the *Spirit of Sharing* by the light of Christ. May we keep the flame brightly shining within our hearts.

"For somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you."

Third Speaker: I light my candle of the *Spirit of Humility* by the light of Christ. May we keep the flame brightly shining within our hearts.

"In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was
born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that
transfigures you and me."

In the spirit of humility, let us follow our God who is marching on.

Fourth Speaker: I light my candle of *Love to God* by the light of Christ. May we keep the flame brightly shining within our hearts.

"O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord."

Fifth Speaker: I light my candle of *Joy to the World* by the light of Christ. May we keep the flame brightly shining within our hearts.

"There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the Virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth."

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night."

God's Mysterious Ways

In Phillips Brooks' lovely Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," are these significant lines:

"The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."

On that momentous night nearly 2,000 years ago, the world was pressed into the little town of Bethlehem. In that humble place and unexpected moment, God put on the garments of time and gave mankind something that was like nothing else in the world. A Saviour was born.

The hopes and fears of all the years were met and conquered that night.

Truly the manger was a small place for such a large meeting of the intangibles of

history. In the little town of Bethlehem there were massed all the powers of heaven and earth around the manger of a Child. Only God could think of something like that. Here again we have an example, perhaps the greatest before Calvary, of the fact that God has His own way of doing things, strange beyond reason and sense.

The Most Significant Day

The most significant day of all days is Christmas. It is because—

1. The World Has a Saviour

The angel of the Lord appeared unto the shepherds and declared—"I bring you good tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a *Saviour* which is Christ the Lord."

That angel gave to mankind the most blessed message which ever fell upon human ears.

The birth of the Christ child was for a specific purpose. He did not come into the world to do social work, although He did that.

He did not come into the world specifically to heal the sick and open the eyes of the blind, although He did that.

He did not come into the world specifically to reform society, although He did that.

Jesus came into the world specifically to seek and to *save* those who are lost.

2. The Coming of the Christ Gave the World the Hope of Life.

The words of Jesus that He came into the world that men might have *life* should bring joy and happiness to all mankind. The desire of all people is for a long, happy and contented life. The song writer expressed the innermost wish of us all when he said—"I love life and I want to live."

But we will never fully experience the joy of living unless our *Will*, our *Ambitions* and our *Desires* are under the control of Him who said—

"I am come that they might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly."

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"Well, he's in the Secret Service," replied the little boy.

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Mike—I'm a salt seller, too, you know.

Ike—Shake!

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Conductor—Because it's the end of the line. —Tee

Jack—Give me an example of nothing.

Bill—That's easy. A bladeless knife without a handle!

Senior-Young People — Dec. 4

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bringing his thoughts and deeds into harmony with the mind of Christ, then to 'rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him,' giving God time in the silence to speak to him. With this preparation the Doxology becomes our song of praise; the Responsive Reading our Psalm of gratitude or penitence or aspiration; the Scripture lesson our inspiring literature and teacher; the prayer becomes *our* prayer; and the hymns become *the voice of our lives*. The whole service helps to express our deepest needs and desires, to impress us with the highest truths and obligations, and so transform us and prepare us to render better service to both God and man.

Senior-Young People — Dec. 18

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JUNIOR CE MEETINGS The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for DECEMBER

4. "Silent Night."
Matthew 1:18-25.
11. "O Little Town of Bethlehem!"
Luke 2:1-5.
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- Do you have some special feature each week?
- Is your meeting informal and friendly?
- Does it encourage an "all out" Christian stand from its members?
- Are individuals being trained for Christian service?
- Do your meetings meet the needs of the young people?
- What about the individual member?
- (a) A worker or a shirker?
- (b) A full-time Christian or just part-time?
- (c) A Quiet Hour Comrade, tither, soul winner, a consecrated Christian?
- (d) How about your personality — winsome?
- (e) How about your appearance — sloppy or neat?

SOUTHERN REGION MEETS

Leaders of the Southern Region of Christian Endeavor held a meeting at High Point, North Carolina, October 14-15. Betty McKnight of Richmond, Virginia, new vice-president of International Society in charge of the Southern Region, presided.

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Toward the fortunate—it is congratulations.
And towards God—it is reverence and love.
—The Irish Endeavour

New Jersey At Flemington

Outstanding leaders highlighted the convention program of the New Jersey Union at Flemington October 13-15. Those who took part included Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Dr. Norman W. Paullin, Rev. Melvin M. Forney, Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Heinz, Dr. Samuel S. Haas, and Harold E. Westerhoff.

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ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION

Ontario Union conducted its annual convention in St. Paul's United Church, Sarnia, Canada, October 8-10. Clyde Sherk, vice-president, was convention chairman. Speakers and leaders included Rev. Elwood Dunn, Mrs. D. Waldron, Rev. Stanley Gibson, Dr. R. W. Rash, Earl Plato, Albert Day, and Rev. C. Scott.

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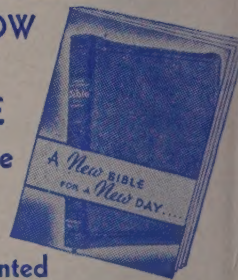
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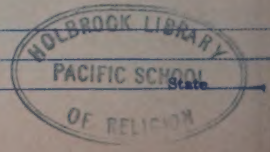
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